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In re Patent Application of)
 De Lacharriere, Olivier et. al.) Group Art Unit: 1617
 Application No.: 09/841,078) Examiner: Lauren Wells
 Filed: April 25, 2001) Confirmation No.: 6852
 For: Use of a Histamine Antagonist, An)
 Interleukin-1 Antagonist And/Or A TNF)
 Alpha Antagonist In A Cosmetic,)
 Pharmaceutical Or Dermatological)
 Composition and Composition Obtained)

DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.132

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Sir:

I, Jean-Claude Yadan hereby states as follows:

- 1) I was awarded a Doctorate in Bio-organic Chemistry from the University of Sciences (Paris VI) in Paris, France in 1983.
- 2) Currently I am CEO at Tetrahedron SAS, a new Medicinal Chemistry Company.
- 3) My curriculum vitae, research experience and list of publications are attached hereto as Appendix I.
- 4) I am aware that the Examiner in the above-identified application has concluded that claims 19-20 and 23-37 contain subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention. I respectfully disagree with this conclusion.
- 5) I have reviewed the specification of the above-identified patent application. Based on 20 years of research in the Medicinal Chemistry field, it is my professional opinion that one of ordinary skill in the art, having read the specification, would have been enabled to make and/or use the invention defined in claims 19-20 and 23-37 without engaging in undue experimentation. That is, before the effective filing date of the above-identified patent application, those of ordinary skill in the art were familiar with IL-1 and TNF-alpha antagonists. In addition, the specification's disclosure of IL-

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1 and TNF-alpha antagonists with varying chemical structures clearly conveys to those of ordinary skill in the art that any compound that exhibits IL-1 and/or TNF-alpha antagonist activity, regardless of its chemical structure, can be used in the claimed invention. It is evident that the application describes the compounds in a functional manner (i.e., in terms of the compounds' antagonist activity) because it is the compounds' functional characteristics, and not their chemical structures, which make the compounds suitable for use in the claimed compositions. In my opinion the terms "IL-1 antagonist" and "TNF-alpha antagonist" are the most appropriate terms to define the compounds employed in the claimed compositions. These compounds cannot be more precisely defined in the application without unduly restricting the scope of the pending claims. Therefore, it is my professional opinion that one of ordinary skill in the art having read the instant specification and being aware of the various well-known IL-1 and TNF-alpha antagonist compounds, would be able to practice the claimed invention without undue experimentation.

6. To support my opinion, I have conducted a search for technical references that show that IL-1 and TNF-alpha antagonist compounds were well-known and readily-identifiable before the above-identified patent application was filed.

First of all, concerning IL-1, it has been shown, in 1984, that cyclosporine therapy inhibits *in vivo* IL-1 release during the inductive phase (e.g. the 7-day treatment) (1). However, Bochner *et al.* describe the treatment of human lung fragments *in vitro* with dexamethasone or hydrocortisone resulting in dose dependent inhibition of IL-1 production (2). It has been confirmed in monocyte-like tumor cell line where 10nM of dexamethasone suppress totally IL-1 synthesis (3). In 1989, Gilbertsen *et al.* showed that CI-949, an antiallergy compound, is a weak inhibitor of IL-1 release from human peripheral blood lymphocytes (4). At the same time, it has been evidenced that hydroquinone inhibits macrophage production of IL-1 (5). Probulcol, a NSAID, inhibits the IL-1 secretion from macrophages (6). Schnyder *et al.* experienced IX 207-887, a novel antiarthritic agent, showing that it is a good inhibitor of IL-1 release from monocytes (7). Plasminogen activator inhibitors may constitute a negative feedback pathway on monocytes-macrophage IL-1 release and subsequent immune activation *in vivo* (8). In 1991, Sawada *et al.* evidenced that FK506, an immunosuppressive agent, is effective as an inhibitor of non-Tcell response *in vitro* and affects not only IL-1 release but also IL-1 synthesis (9). Moreover, pentamidine, an aromatic diamidine used to treat pneumonia, induced inhibition of IL-1 via an alteration in the post-translational modification of the protein (10). Pyridazinones derivatives showed as good inhibitors of IL-1 release from mouse adherent macrophages (11). Naturally occurring IL-1 receptor antagonist has been shown to block IL-1 biological actions (12).

Concerning TNF α , incubation of human monocytes stimulated with LPS with misoprostol resulted in a reduction of IL-1 and TNF α production (13). Colchicine, a natural microtubule depolymerizing agent, caused a decrease in TNF α biosynthesis through the TNF α mRNA decreased production (14). Moreover, treatment of challenged mice with cyclosporin A led to an abrogation of IL-1 and TNF α releases (15). Erythromycin as well as roxithromycin inhibited TNF α release from human monocytes stimulated by LPS in a dose-dependent manner (16). Probhakar *et al.* have shown that

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pentoxifylline, a methylxanthine derivative, selectively inhibited LPS-induced TNF α release. SF&F 86002, an inhibitor of 5-LO and CO in arachidonic metabolism, inhibited LPS-induced release of TNF α and IL-1 by two order magnitude more than pentoxifylline (17). Beta-glucan blocked the secretion of TNF α induced by bacterial LPS (18). Moreover, chloroquine reduced TNF α release from macrophage by disrupting TNF α gene transcription (19). Corticosteroids treatment of AIDS patients led to significantly less TNF α release from LPS-stimulated alveolar macrophages (20). Azelastine, a potent antiallergic agent, inhibited in a dose-dependent manner the TNF α production (21).

Isoproterenol, a beta-agonist, rolipram, a PDE-IV inhibitor, and IBMX, a non-selective PDE inhibitor, significantly inhibited TNF α release in the LPS stimulated human whole blood (22). Theophylline suppressed the TNF α release by blood monocytes and alveolar macrophages as shown by Spatafora et al. (23). Quinine specifically blocked TNF α production of human alveolar macrophages at the level of gene transcription (24).

In summary, natural or synthetic low molecular-weight compounds as well as biological macromolecules were known to inhibit release or production or to antagonize the effects of IL-1 and/or of TNF α . All these data were available to those of ordinary skill in the art before December 1994.

7. The following references (1-24) show that IL-1 and TNF-alpha antagonist compounds similar to those disclosed in the instant specification were well-known before the application filing date. Copies of these references are attached hereto in Appendix II. In addition, the specification discloses tests, which are suitable for identifying compounds as IL-1 and TNF-alpha antagonists.

8. Based on my professional experience, and in view of the above-identified references, I believe that a person of ordinary skill in the art, having read the specification of the above-identified patent application, would have been readily able to identify compounds as IL-1 and TNF-alpha antagonist, and, thus, would have been enabled to make and/or use the invention defined in claims 19-20 and 23-37 without undue experimentation.

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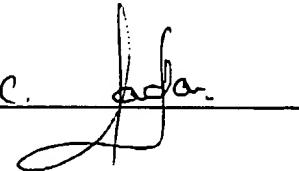
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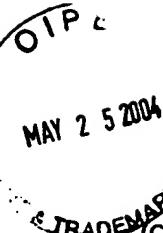
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I HEREBY DECLARE that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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APPENDIX I

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 2001- Scientific Director of Expertise and Consulting SARL

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 1999-2000 CEO, CA Member
 2001- CEO of Expertise and Consulting SARL
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2 Procédé de dosage de l'activité SOD utilisant un composé autoxydable, nécessaire pour sa mise en œuvre, composés autoxydables et leur préparation	Xu, Jinzhu; Yadan, JC; Moutet, M.; Chaudière, J.	France Germany UK Italy USA Japan	9 114 781 93 901 768.7 93 901 768.7 93 901 768.7 244 866 5-509 871	91.11.29 92.11.25 92.11.25 92.11.25 92.11.25 92.11.25	9114781 E692 12 334.2 E 625 209 E 625 209 5 543 298	23.12.94 17.07.96 17.07.96 17.07.96 06.08.96
3 Composés autoxydables, préparation	Xu et al.	France	9 202 082	92.02.24		
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5 Procédé de dosage colorimétrique du dialdéhyde malonique et des autres énaldéhydes en tant qu'indices de peroxydation lipidique, nécessaires pour sa mise en œuvre, indoles substitués utilisables dans ce procédé et leur préparation	Gerard-Monnier D, Erdelmeier I.; Chaudière J., Yadan J.C.	France Europe USA USA Australia Canada Japan	9 305 430 94 916 258.0 362 418 702 197 67 955/94 2 139 591 6-525 048	93.05.06 94.05.06 94.05.06 94.05.06 94.05.06 94.05.06 94.05.06	9 305 430	28.07.95

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Europe	94 920 514.0	94.06.27			
USA	194 457	94.02.08	5 438 151	01.08.95	
Australia	71 276/94	94.06.27			
Canada	2 143 410	94.06.27			
Japan	7-502 528	94.06.27			

7 Utilisation de dérivés 2-mercaptop-imidazole substitués en position 4 (ou 5) comme agents antioxydants, leur procédés de préparation et leurs applications en pharmacie, cosmétique ou alimentaire

Yadan, JC; Xu, J;	France	9 315 637	93.12.24	9 315 637	24.05.96
Europe	95 904 589.9	94.12.22			
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Canada	2 156 490	94.12.22			
Japan	7-517 809	94.12.22			

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